

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/508,430	MEIER ET AL.	
	Examiner Shervin Nakhjavan	Art Unit 2621	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment and an RCE that is filed on 8-5-04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 18-34.
3. The drawings filed on 31 March 2000 and 03 February 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4-5-04
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152).
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 18-34 are allowed because, the prior art of record specifically Leuenberger (US 6,100,989) and Brecher et.al. (US 5,544,256) individually or together do not teach a method of fault detecting from a piece of fabric and sorting the data associated with the detected faults in accordance with at least *two parameters*, wherein at least one of the parameters pertains to *the size of the detected faults* and further *representing* the sorted data associated with the plurality of detected faults *in an image* having at least *two dimensions*, wherein one of said dimensions corresponds to said *one* of said two parameters of claim 18 combined with other features and elements of the claim, and sorting of the data of detected faults in accordance with *two parameters*, wherein at least *one* the parameter pertains to *intensity* of the detected fault and *representing* the sorted data in *an image* having *two dimensions*, wherein *one* of the dimensions corresponds to the one of *the parameters* of claim 31 combined with detecting of the faults from a fabric piece of the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact information

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shervin Nakhjavan whose telephone number is (571)

272-7395. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta, can be reached at (571)272-7453.

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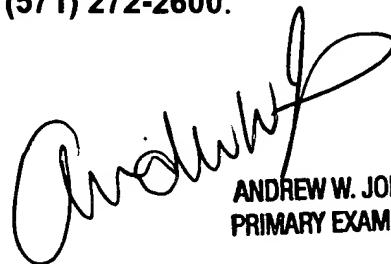
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